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# STATEMENT OF AEDWARD LOS BANOS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

#### **BEFORE THE**

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 2:45 P.M. State Capitol, Conference Room 414

in consideration of

# GM 756 HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY NOMINEE DONNA CAMVEL

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee.

The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) has not acted on this measure. In my capacity as Executive Director, I respectfully offer my **support of Donna Camvel**, who has served on the board since July 1, 2015.

As an instructor at the Windward Community College, Camvel offers a foundational understanding of Hawaiian cultural values, and support for the maintenance and preservation of the Heeia community development district.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer support of Donna Camvel.



## KO'OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

April 10, 2019

TO: Sen. Glenn Wakai, Chair

Sen. Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

& Members, Committee on Energy, Economic Development & Tourism

FROM: Leialoha "Rocky" Kaluhiwa, President

Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

SUBJECT: Support for GM756 – Donna Camvel, Hawai'i Community Development Authority

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee:

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club strongly supports the appointment of Donna Camvel to a He'eia seat on the board of the Hawai'i Community Development Authority.

Our civic club, one of the largest in the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, is also one of the largest Hawaiian organizations in the Ko'olaupoko district. We are deeply interested in the work to restore 400 acres of lo'i kalo at He'eia, and want to be sure that whoever sits on HCDA's board is committed to supporting our community's efforts for food sustainability and cultural restoration.

We believe that appointee Donna Camvel is well-suited for this appointment due to her family's long history in the ahupua'a of He'eia but also because of her cultural knowledge and background in Hawaiian history and practices. She understands how important it is to malama these lands.

We urge your committee to approve her appointment and recommend full Senate approval.

Mahalo for allowing us to share our mana'o.

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is one of the largest in the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs nationwide. Ko`olaupoko HCC is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians and providing leadership and scholarships. Its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart."



#### **TESTIMONY BY:**

JADE T. BUTAY DIRECTOR

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G.M. 756

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, DONNA CAMVEL, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.

Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the confirmation of Donna Camvel to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA).

Ms. Camvel is a lecturer of Hawaiian studies at Windward Community College, University of Hawaii.

The DOT is eager to serve with Ms. Camvel again and believes her knowledge and expertise as a Hawaiian cultural practitioner are well suited to restore 400 acres of Heeia wetlands into a working agricultural and cultural district that aims to meet the highest needs and aspirations of Hawaii's people.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE GOVERNOR

March 29, 2019

HONOLULU



The Honorable Ronald Kouchi, President, And Members of the Senate Thirtieth State Legislature Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senate President Kouchi and Members of the Senate:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6 of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination:

Donna Camvel Hawai'i Community Development Authority Expiration Date: June 30, 2022.

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. 18E

Governor, State of Hawai'i



# **Koʻolau Foundation**P. O. Box 4749 Kane`ohe, HI 96744



April 10, 2019

To: Sen. Glenn Wakai, Chair

Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Members – Energy, Economic Development & Tourism Committee

From: Aaron Mahi, President

Ko`olau Foundation

Re: G.M. 756 – Appointment of Donna Camvel to HCDA – Support

The Ko'olau Foundation offers its full support to the reappointment of Donna Camvel to a He'eia seat on the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

Members of our Foundation have known Donnie for many years, and have found her to be dedicated and knowledgeable about the He'eia community and its resources. She is keenly aware of the work being done on HCDA's property at He'eia, where acres of excellent farmlands are being restored to productivity again by Kako'o 'Oiwi and our community.

Donnie is also knowledgeable about our Hawaiian culture, and can be relied upon to offer reliable feedback to HCDA on any of the programs or activities that affect the He`eia district, particularly with regard to cultural resources of the area. She is a descendant of kupa`aina – grassroots families – of the area, and an excellent candidate for reappointment fo the Authority.

We strongly urge your approval of this Governor's Message and recommendation for confirmation by the full Senate.

Mahalo nui for your consideration of our request.

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Testimony for EET on 4/10/2019 2:45:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Matson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: